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SUMMARY: SENIOR POLITICAL ADVISOR GORGE REPORTED AUGUST 3 THAT QUESTION OF RESUMPTION OF INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS IN AUGUST IS NOW DEAD. HUMANITARIAN TALKS MAY TAKE PLACE, BUT EVEN THIS IS QUESTIONABLE BECAUSE OF TURK CYPRIOT PROCEDURAL DEMANDS. PROCES VERBALE ON CONTINUATION OF UNFICYP IN NORTH IS PROCEEDING IN SUBSTANCE, BUT IS ALSO HELD UP ON PROCEDURAL GROUNDS. END SUMMARY.

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1. INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS. GORGE REPORTED THAT TWO-HOUR CONVERSATION INVOLVING DE CUELLAR, DENKTASH, CHELIK AND GORGE HIMSELF ON AUGUST 2 LAID TO REST ANY HOPE THAT INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS MIGHT BE CONVENED IN AUGUST. THERE WAS NO "COMMON GROUND" REGARDING WHAT COULD BE DISCUSSED OR ACHIEVED AT A ROUND VI MEETING IN VIENNA; TURKS CONTINUED TO INSIST ON IMMEDIATE DEVOLUTION OF TALKS TO SUBCOMMITTEE LEVEL AND GREEKS EQUALLY FIRMLY RESISTED SUCH A MOVE IN ABSENCE OF GENERAL AGREEMENT ON PRINCIPLES. SPECIFIC FEAR OF DE CUELLAR AND GORGE IS THAT ATTEMPT TO HOLD TALKS AT THIS TIME MIGHT ACTUALLY RESULT IN COMPLETE BREAKDOWN BECAUSE GREEK NEGOTIATOR PAPADOPOULOS HAS STATED FIRMLY THAT HE WILL NOT PARTICIPATE IN ANY COMPROMISE COMMUNIQUE BUT WOULD ISSUE HIS OWN STATEMENT IF HE MET WITH TURK CYPRIOT NEGOTIATOR ONAN AND THERE WAS NO PROGRESS. MAIN OPERATIVE POINT IS LACK OF SCENARIO WHICH WOULD ENABLE UNSYG TO SAY AFTER MEETING THAT PROGRESS HAD BEEN MADE. UNOFFICIALS IN CYPRUS ARE PLANNING TO RE-EVALUATE SITUATION IN SEPTEMBER IN THE HOPE THAT ANOTHER ROUND IN INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS COULD BE HALD BEFORE UNGA. TALKS COULD PROCEED THEN IF THERE WERE SOME SCENARIO AGREED BEFOREHAND BETWEEN THE PARTIES.

2. DENKTASH TITLE PROBLEM. ALL UN BUSINESS WITH TURK CYPRIOT COMMUNITY AT PRESENT IS BEING HINDERED BECAUSE DENKTASH IS INSISTING THAT WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS TO HIM BE ADDRESSED BY TITLE "TFSC PRESIDENT" RATHER THAN "HIS EXCELLENCY", TITLE WHICH HAS BEEN USED UNTIL NOW. FOR THE MOMENT THE QUESTION OF REOPENING OF TALKS ON HUMANITARIAN PROBLEMS AND THE COMPLETION OF NEGOTIATIONS OF UNFICYP PROCES VERBALE ARE HELD UP. IN AUGUST 2 MEETING, DENKTASH WAS TOTALLY FIRM ON THIS POINT. DE CUELLAR HAS REFERRED THE MATTER TO UNSYG FOR ADVICE. LIKELY OUTCOME IS THAT UNOFFICIALS WILL NOT IN FUTURE BE ABLE TO DO BUSINESS WITH TURK CYPRIOT COMMUNITY THROUGH WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS. ALL FUTURE CONTACTS MAY HAVE TO BE HANDLED ORALLY. THIS WILL ONLY ADD TO THE DIFFICULTY OF PROMOTING CONTACTS BETWEEN THE TWO SIDES.

3. HUMANITARIAN TALKS. DE CUELLAR HOPES TO BEGIN TALKS ON HUMANITARIAN PROBLEMS IN AUGUST IF THE TITLE PROBLEM CAN BE SOLVED. ONCE HUMANITARIAN TALKS BEGIN, DE CUELLAR HOPES TO ASK THE TWO NEGOTIATORS WHAT THEY COULD AGREE TO AS A SCENARIO

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FOR SEPTEMBER INTERCOMMUNAL TALK. PRESIDENT MAKARIOS HAS AGREED THAT HUMANITARIAN TALKS MAY BE ENLARGED TO INCLUDE LIMITED DISCUSSION OF POLITICAL ISSUES BUT DOES NOT WANT THIS TO OCCUR UNTIL AFTER THE COLOMBO MEETING OF THE NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT. (PLEASE PROTECT ON THIS POINT. GORGE ADVISES THAT TURKISH SIDE IS NOT YET AWARE OF GREEK CYPRIOT POSITION ON THIS ISSUE.)

4. UNFICYP ACTIVITIES IN NORTH. GORGE REPORTED THAT THE NEGOTIATIONS ON SUBSTANCE OF PROCES VERBALE TO CONTINUE UNFICYP ACTIVITIES IN NORTH ARE ALMOST COMPLETE. PROGRESS ON THE DOCUMENT IS NOW BEING HELD UP BY TITLE PROBLEM. UN OFFICIALS HAVE INDICATED TO TURK CYPRIOTS THAT IT WILL NOT BE POSSIBLE TO ACCEPT SIGNATURE ON RPOCES VERBALE OF AN OFFICIAL AS A REPRESENTATIVE OF TFSC. DENKTASH IS CONSIDERING A SUGGESTION THAT THE ACTUAL DOCUMENT BE AN AIDE MEMOIRE WHICH WOULD MERELY STATE THAT UNFICYP AND "AUTHORITIES OF THE TURKISH CYPRIOT COMMUNITY" AGREE ON THE CONDITIONS AFFECTING UNFICYP ACTIVITIES. DENKTASH HAS PROMISED TO GIVE HIS ANSWER ON THE AIDE MEMOIRE SUGGESTION ON AUGUST 6. GORGE IS HOPEFUL THAT DENKTASH'S DESICION WILL BE FAVORABLE BECAUSE THE TURKISH SIDE IS ANXIOUS TO COMPLETE THE DOCUMENT TO ACCOMPLISH THE WITHDRAWAL OF SOME UN POSTS FROM THE TURKISH ZONE.

5. IN SUM, UN OFFICIALS ARE MEMENTARILY DISCOURAGED ABOUT THE DIFFICULTIES IN GETTING ANY KIND OF TALKS STARTED AGAIN. THEY ARE NOT GIVING UP, HOWEVER, AND INTEND TO WORK FOR RESUMPTION OF BOTH HUMANITARIAN AND INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS SOONEST. THEY HOPE THAT THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY WILL CONTINUE TO PRESS BOTH SIDES TO CREATE THE CONDITIONS NECESSARY TO KEEP THE DIALOGUE OPEN.
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